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IN AN EDITORIAL ENTITLED "DEBACLE IN CAMBODIA", THE BULLETIN OF
MARCH 17 COMMENTS:

".....WITH THE LATEST COMMUNIST SUCCESSES IN CAPTURING THE
MAIN TOWN AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE MEKONG DELTA, THE CAMBODIAN
CAPITAL MAY BE SIAD TO BE STARTING THE AGONY OF THE SIEGE THAT,
UNLESS A MIRACLE HAPPENS WILL SEE IT LOST TO THE COMMUNISTS.
PERHAPS NO MORE INDICATIVE SIGN WOULD BE TAKEN THAN THE FRENCH
GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO EVACUATE ITS EMBASSY STAFF AND AS MANY
FRENCH NATIONALS AS WOULD LIKE TO GO.....

....THE UNITED STATES WILL BE CUTTING A SORRY FIGURE IF THE
EVENTUAL OUTCOME WILL BE WHAT IS NOW TAKEN FOR GRANTED. ANOTHER
SHOCK OF CREDIBILITY AT THE UNITED STATES, AND THE POLITICAL
GAME THAT FLABBERGASTS THE MAN IN THE STREET, THROWS ONE INTO
A STATE OF DISILLUSION AND DISAPPOINTMENT, IF NOT DESPAIR...." BIRN

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